

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)	
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Amendments of Parts 2 and 90 of the)	
Commission's Rules to Provide for the)	PR Docket No. 89-553
Use of 200 Channels Outside the Designated)	
Filing Areas in the 896-901/935-940 MHz)	DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
Bands Allotted to the Specialized Mobile)	
Radio Pool)	
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Implementation of Section 309(j) of the)	PP Docket No. 93-253
Communications Act - Competitive Bidding)	
)	
Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 322)	GN Docket No. 93-252
of the Communications Act)	

To: The Commission

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF REPLY COMMENT DATE

The American Mobile Telecommunications, Inc. ("AMTA" or "Association"), in accordance with Section 1.46(b) of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") Rules and Regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b) and by counsel, respectfully requests that the Commission extend the Reply Comment Date in the above-entitled proceeding for eleven days until Monday, June 12, 1995.^{1/}

I. INTRODUCTION

AMTA is a nationwide, non-profit trade association dedicated to the interests of what heretofore had been classified as the private carrier industry. The Association's members include trunked and conventional 800 and 900 MHz SMR

^{1/} Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (FCC 95-159), 60 FR 22023 (May 4, 1995) ("Second Further Notice").

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operators, licensees of wide-area SMR systems, and commercial licensees in the 220 MHz band. Many of its members' businesses will be affected by the decisions reached in the instant proceeding regarding the bidding procedures for the future licensing of 900 MHz SMR systems. Thus, the Association has a significant interest in the outcome of the proceeding.

II. EXTENSION REQUEST

In the instant Second Further Notice, the Commission proposed the regulations by which competitive bidding will be conducted for mutually exclusive 900 MHz SMR applications. The Commission provided only a eight (8) day period in which Reply Comments must be submitted, which includes a three-day weekend. AMTA notes that this proceeding has been outstanding for a number of years. Although its members are anxious for expeditious action in this matter, AMTA believes it is critical that the Commission develop a record adequate to make appropriate decisions on the important issues concerning the competitive bidding design for the 900 MHz SMR radio service.

Because a number of comments were submitted, which include varying positions on the competitive bidding design, AMTA requests that interested parties to the proceeding have at least an additional eleven days in which to obtain the Comments, analyze them, and prepare Reply Comments, should there be a need to do so. AMTA is concerned that the current Reply Comment period will not be sufficient to ensure that the Commission is provided with adequate information to make a decision that will serve the public interest and meet the objectives of the agency.

Therefore, the Association requests that the FCC extend the Reply Comment date until Monday, June 12, 1995. While the Association is adverse to further delay in the initiation of licensing in the 900 MHz SMR band, it is convinced that this limited extension will permit interested parties an opportunity to submit thorough and reasoned Reply Comments which will be beneficial to the Commission in its ultimate action in this rule making proceeding.


III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons described herein, AMTA respectfully requests that the FCC extend the Reply Comment date in the above-entitled proceeding until Monday, June 12, 1995.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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